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Re: New U.S. Patent Application of:

Applicant: Nicholas Bouthors

For : PAYMENT PROCESS AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSMISSION

AND/OR SERVICE OPERATIONS WITH A DATA PACKET

TRANSMISSION NETWORK

Our File: C66.12-0002

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following papers in connection with the above-identified patent application:

1. Complete specification and claims.

16 pages Specification

9 pages claims

1 page Abstract

2. Unexecuted Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages).

3. 4 sheets of drawings.

- 4. Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, cited references and French Search Report
- 5. File Data Sheet

The filing fee is not enclosed with this communication. Pursuant to 35 USC § 111 and 37 CFR §§ 1.53(b) and 1.53(f), the filing fee, executed Declaration and executed Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (if applicable) will be filed separately.

A filing date under 37 CFR §§ 1.10(b) and 1.53(b) of <u>August 30, 2001</u> is respectfully requested. The enclosed materials are being sent "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" as of the date of this letter.

Yours very truly,

Robert M. Angus Reg. No. 24,383

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